GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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RAIDS ON FCI GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had conducted raids on the godowns of the Food Corporation ofIndia to identify irregularities during the last three years;

(b) if so, the food items seized during the above said period alongwith State-wise details thereof and the loss suffered by the Government;

(c) the action taken against those found guilty; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent such irregularities being committed in the Food Corporation of India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): No, Sir. However, surprise inspections of Food Storage Depots of FCI are carried out by the officers of the Quality Control Cells to check the quality of foodgrains on a regular basis. Defficiencies noticed during the inspection are communicated to FCI for taking action against delinquent officials.

(b),(c)&(d): In view of reply to part (a), the question does not arise.